

Daneshill House
Danestrete
Stevenage
Hertfordshire

1 December 2015

Dear Sir/Madam

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Stevenage Borough Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Daneshill House, Danestrete, Stevenage on Wednesday 9 December 2015 at 7.00pm and you are summoned to attend to transact the following business.

Yours faithfully

Scott Crudgington
Chief Executive

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2. MINUTES – COUNCIL - WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER 2015

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Annual meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 7 October 2015.

Minutes attached (pages 1 -7)

3. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

To receive any communications that the Mayor may wish to put before Council.

4. MAIN DEBATE – “HOW SAFE DO YOU FEEL? - PROTECTING POLICE FUNDING IN STEVENAGE”

To include a presentation from the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire.

5. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

None received

6. QUESTIONS FROM THE YOUTH COUNCIL

None received

7. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None received

8. LEADER OF THE COUNCIL'S UPDATE

In accordance with the Council's Standing Orders, the Leader of the Opposition shall be given the opportunity to raise one matter relevant to the Borough that has arisen since the last meeting of the Council. The Leader of the Council shall then have the opportunity to advise the Council of matters relevant to the Borough that have arisen since the last meeting.

9. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

The following Motion has been submitted by Councillor A McGuinness and seconded by Councillors R Parker CC and G Snell -

That this Council is concerned about the increase in the number of Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMOs) in Stevenage and recommends that, following consultation, one or more Article 4 Directions for parts of Stevenage be implemented by the Council.

10. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRS / PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

The following questions have been received –

- (a) From Councillor G Snell to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Regeneration.

How much money has the Council saved from the cancellation of the refuse & recycling annual calendar which was sent out to all the residents in Stevenage?

- (b) From Councillor A McGuinness to the Portfolio Holder for Community, Health and Older People.

What are the Council doing to promote the importance of mental health and will the Council commit to signing up to the Local Authorities' Mental Health Challenge?

- (c) From Councillor R Parker to the Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People and Leisure.

What are the Council's current plans for introducing parking charges within Fairlands Valley Showground for home games of Stevenage Football Club?

11. MATTER REFERRED FROM THE EXECUTIVE – GAMBLING ACT 2005 – STATEMENT OF POLICY

At its meeting on 11 November 2015 the Executive considered the report attached as Item 11 concerning the Gambling Act 2005 - Statement of Policy.

The Executive agreed the following recommendation to Council –

That the proposed Stevenage Borough Council Statement of Principles 2013-2016, set out at Appendix A to the report, drafted in accordance with the Gambling Act 2005, be approved.

Report & Appendix attached – Item 11(Pages 8-58)

12. MATTER REFERRED FROM THE EXECUTIVE – 2015/2016 MID YEAR TREASURY MANAGEMENT REVIEW REPORT

The report attached as item 12 was considered by both the Audit Committee and the Executive at their respective meetings on 10 and 11 November 2015. Both bodies agreed the following recommendations to Council –

1 That the 2015/16 Treasury Management Mid Year Review and the prudential and treasury indicators in this report be approved.

2 That the review of the treasury limits as detailed in Appendix C be noted.

3 That the latest approved Countries for investments as detailed in Appendix D be noted.

Report and Appendices attached (pages 59-77)

Appendix A – Prudential Indicators for Mid-Year Review

Appendix B – Debt Portfolio

Appendix C – Specified and Non-Specified Investment Criteria

Appendix D – Approved Countries for Investment

13. AUDIT COMMITTEE MINUTES – 11 NOVEMBER 2015

To note the Minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 11 November 2015.

Minutes attached – Item 13 (pages 78-81)

14. URGENT PART 1 BUSINESS

To consider any Part 1 business accepted by the Mayor as urgent.

15. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider the following Motions –

1. That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of Exempt information as described in paragraphs 1-7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by SI 2006 No. 88.
2. That Members consider the reasons for the following item being in Part II and determine whether or not maintaining the exemption from disclosure of the information contained therein outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

PART II

16. AUDIT COMMITTEE MINUTES – 11 NOVEMBER 2015

To approve as a correct record the Part II section of the Minutes of the Audit Committee held on 11 November 2015.

Minutes attached for Councillors only – Item 15 (pages 82-83)
